



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 25, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Recreation Division, Park and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Interview And Appointment Of Youth Intern Applicant To Park And Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Interview applicant Michael Yi for the position of Youth Intern on the Park and Recreation Commission; and
- B. Appoint Michael Yi to the position of Youth Intern on the Park and Recreation Commission.

DISCUSSION:

On February 7, 1995, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 95-025 that established a Youth Intern Program for Charter Boards and Commissions. The Resolution was established to expand the opportunities for City youth residents to participate in the City's governmental and advisory role process.

On June 6, 2000, Council extended the Youth Intern Program to high school student volunteers who reside within the Santa Barbara High School District or attend other high schools within the City limits, enabling them to learn first hand how public decisions are made and how City departments function in providing public services, while at the same time providing community service that may qualify for academic credit.

Staff has received an application form and a recommendation for Michael Yi, who is requesting to be appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Michael Yi

Michael Yi is a junior at Dos Pueblos High School with a strong commitment to youth leadership and community service. Highly recommended by his advisor on the Coalition of Youth Advocates, Michael is described as "setting a pristine example for his peers; setting a standard of leadership, commitment, and encouragement" that others strive to emulate. Michael currently serves on the Executive Committee for the Santa Barbara Youth Council, holding the office of Historian. Though highly motivated and

dedicated to his responsibilities on the Youth Council, Michael is involved in several other on and off-campus projects, including serving as the President for the Coalition of Youth Advocates (COYA). The COYA youth are advocates for a cleaner and healthier lifestyle and environment for their community. As such, Michael feels his past involvement in beach and park clean ups, is a stepping stone for him to serve as the Youth Intern on the Park and Recreation Commission. In addition to the Youth Council and COYA, Michael is involved in the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Junior Statesman of America, Junior Class Vice President, Friday Night Live, Peer Tutoring and the Chess and Varsity Golf Team. Michael states that in spite of his busy schedule, he is committed to his school assignments and responsibilities and would be as committed to his responsibility as a Youth Intern.

The Park and Recreation Commission has expressed its appreciation for the participation of youth through the internship program, and staff is confident that Michael Yi's experience on the Youth Council and his commitment to his community will provide him with the essential tools to fulfill his obligation as the Youth Intern on the Park and Recreation Commission.

ATTACHMENT(S): 1. Intern Application
 2. Letter of Recommendation

PREPARED BY: Susan C. Young, Neighborhood and Outreach Services
 Supervisor

SUBMITTED BY: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

YOUTH INTERN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY ADVISORY GROUP

Parks & Recreation Department
TEEN PROGRAMS DIVISION
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Name: Michael Yi Grade: 11 Age: 16
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Parent/Guardian: Wonkyung Yi Phone Number: 805-698-5919
Emergency Contact: Wonkyung Yi Phone Number: 805-698-5919
High School: Dos Pueblos Recommender: Whitney Hawkins

I. Advisory Body/Commission Applied for (list them in order of preference)

1. Parks & Rec 2. _____ 3. _____

Are you able to provide the two-hour commitment per month? Yes ☒ No ☐

II. Are you active in any clubs on campus? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, please list: Chess Club, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, Junior Statesmen of America, Junior Class Vice President

III. Extracurricular activities (On & Off Campus) Varsity Golf Team, Santa Barbara Youth Council, Friday Night Live, Peer tutoring, Coalition of Youth Advocates

IV. Reasons you believe you should be appointed to this group (Please use separate page.)

Recommender's Signature dawn dunn for Whitney Hawkins Date: 12/20/10
Dawn M. Dunn, supervise 805-681-5407 dawn.dunn@cityofsb.org
I have read Resolution No. _____ of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara and if appointed, will follow it in the conduct of my duties.

Applicant's Signature Michael Yi Date: 12/17/10

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Date Received: _____ Date distributed to Mayor /Council offices: _____
Dates Interviewed: _____
If appointed: Date: _____ Term Expires: _____

I believe that I am qualified to be the next Parks and Recreation Intern because of my extensive involvement in the community. As historian of the Santa Barbara Youth Council, I have gained much knowledge on the workings of the city governmental system. I know how the meetings are run, how to be more involved, and what this position entails. Although I command a busy schedule, I am willing and eager to sit down and discuss the state of our parks and beaches for a few hours and do more. Through the Youth Council, I was transformed from an ignorant boy to an enthusiastic student of politics and government. Also, I have had many opportunities to explore the city and participate in many of its events such as Day of Caring, Y.E.S. Fair, and Teen Rights Speakout, just to name a few. I derive much pleasure from actively taking part in the city's activities. As president of the Coalition of Youth Advocates, an anti-tobacco coalition devoted to improving the health of the community, I have participated in beach and park cleanups. The beaches and parks of Santa Barbara are beautiful and I am committed to advising the Commission for their improvement.



December 14, 2010

To whom this may concern:

I highly recommend Michael Yi for the Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Commission Internship. Michael has served as a member of the Coalition of Youth Advocates (COYA), an anti-tobacco coalition, since September of 2009. He has held two officer positions, including Secretary for the 2009-2010 year and President for the current year. During his time with COYA, Michael has set a pristine example for his peers. He has set a standard of leadership, commitment, and encouragement that fellow coalition members strive to emulate.

Michael's commitment to the health and well-being of his environment and community is evident through the many COYA projects he has participated in. For instance, he has played an integral role in the Smoke-Free Parks and Beaches law, changes to the Tobacco Retailer Licensing law, and the Carpinteria Comprehensive Secondhand Smoke policy. Michael personally met with Supervisor Farr to emphasize the importance of clean, smoke-free parks and beaches. Furthermore, Michael gathered numerous petition signatures to gain support for the above policies. He attended public hearings to show support for community health issues.

The role that Michael plays in COYA is one of great leadership. He is always eager to take the lead on new projects. Michael consistently exhibits a positive and encouraging attitude, which sets the tone for every COYA event. He is committed as he always completes any assignment on-time and to the best of his ability. For example, he was recently given the task to attend the Carpinteria Avocado Festival to collect surveys and educate the public on secondhand smoke. This festival was on the night of an important Friday night high school football game. Even so, Michael devoted his time to the cause and even stayed later than we initially asked.

Michael Yi is a shining example of a young leader. I am confident that his advocacy, commitment, optimistic attitude, and determination would be an asset to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Whitney Hawkins", written over a horizontal line. A long, thin horizontal line extends to the right from the end of the signature.

Whitney Hawkins

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